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TAGS: SHUM, AF

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

REFS: (A) KABUL 3933; (B) KABUL 3934

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